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Dear Mr. Larson:

Thank you for your letters regarding issues within H.R. 1. As you know we are continuing to hold conference meetings on the "Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003." I appreciate hearing from you and will take your comments into consideration as we move forward.

Again, thank you for contacting me on this important issue.

Best regards,



Bill Thomas
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